

Order of Worship - June 27, 2021

Pre-Service Slideshow of Dayna Starting at 9:50 am
Welcome

Song: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live
and will sing praises to my God all my whole life long.**

Do not put your trust in mortals, the powers of this world,
for they are no help,
when their breath departs,
they return to the earth like everyone else
and on that very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help and hope is in the Lord our God
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them
and who keeps faith forever**

For it is the Lord our God who executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked the Lord will bring to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever and our God for all generations.
I will indeed praise the Lord with my whole life.**

Song: *Forever*

God's Greeting

Song: *All the Earth*

Passage: Philippians 1:3-6 (Miriam Doef with Prayer)

Homily: I Thank my God

Psalm of Thanks

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Song: *Take O Take Me As I Am*

Prayer of thanks for one another and any celebratory things. (Neil)

Passage: Philippians 2:1-8, 12-13 (Judy Van Haren with Prayer)

Homily: Continue with Christ

Song: *The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases*

Poem by Linda Siebenga

Prayer for the congregation and including concerns. (Dayna)

Passage: Philippians 1:8-9; Jude 24-25 (Melissa Kuipers with Prayer)

Homily: As We Part, God Guard You

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

For you are with me;

your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Song: *Oh The Deep Deep Love of Jesus*

Prayer for Each Other as we go our Separate ways and continue on our separate paths.
(Chad)

Goodbye Liturgy:

Leader:

Our church family is ever changing.
Loved ones are born into the family
and loved ones come to the end of their lives.
Individuals come and go in our church life.
It is important and right
that we recognize these times of passage,
of endings and beginnings.
Today we celebrate the gifts
you have brought to us through our pastor.
Hear Paul's words written to the Ephesians:

Each of us was given grace
according to the measure of Christ's gift.
The gifts the Spirit gave were
that some would be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until all of us come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Today we share in a liturgy of farewell with Dayna who arrived as our pastor at Woody Nook in January of 2014 and was ordained on March 22, 2015 and today her time as our pastor comes to an end.

At your installation as the minister of Word and sacrament of this congregation, we heard this Scripture and we made vows to one another.
You were charged
to proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
to instruct us from the Word of God,
to admonish us, to comfort us, to reprove us.
You promised to administer the sacraments,
to share responsibility for our mutual Christian growth,
and to exercise Christian love and discipline.
You were charged to be a loyal witness here in Woodynook CRC and to further the mission of God's church in the world.

People:

**We, in turn, promised
to receive the Word of truth you proclaimed
and to accept the pastoral care you provided.
We promised to encourage you and pray for you,
to participate and work with you, and to financially care for you.**

Leader:

Paul's words remind us today, even as he reminded the Ephesians:
to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

Dayna:

I thank you, my sisters and brothers,
for the love, kindness, and support shown me these past 7 and a half years.
I am grateful for the ministry we have shared together.
With joy I recall what we accomplished with God's help,
And I ask your forgiveness for mistakes I made
and for times I have fallen short.

People:

**We offer our forgiveness
and celebrate all that God has accomplished among us.
We are grateful for your ministry
and for your influence on our lives.
We ask your forgiveness for mistakes made
and for times that we too have fallen short.**

Dayna:

I receive your gratitude
and forgive your shortcomings.
And I release you
from the vows and promises made at my installation.
I offer you my blessing as you
continue to follow God's calling here.

People:

**We release you from your promises to us,
and we offer you our blessing as you
leave to follow God's calling elsewhere.**

Leader:

O God, you have bound us together for a time
as pastor and people to work for your church in this place.
We give you thanks for the ministry we have shared.

We give you thanks for your patience with us
despite our slowness of heart.
We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy when we have failed.

We especially thank you
for your never-failing presence with us through these years,
and for the deepened knowledge of you and of each other.

We give you thanks
for those who have been joined
to this part of Christ's family through baptism.
We thank you for opening our hearts and minds
again and again to your Word,
and for feeding us abundantly at your table.
We remember those who have gone before
and we look with hope toward those who will come.

Now, we pray, be with this congregation as we continue forward, and with Dayna
as she begins a new path.
Grant that all of us, by drawing closer to you,
may always be close to each other in the communion of saints.
All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

People:

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness
protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.**

Song: May the Peace of Christ Be With You

Benediction

Song: My Friends May You Grow in Grace